

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)145****(Question Serial No. 3521)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (1) Food Safety and Public HealthControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

In respect of monitoring the safety of food supplied to Hong Kong:

- (a) please set out the number of Mainland production farms approved for exporting food to Hong Kong, with a breakdown by province and type of food exported, such as vegetables, fruits, live pigs, live cattle, live chickens, freshwater fish and hairy crabs.
- (b) please set out the number of inspections conducted by the Department to these production farms in the past 3 years.
- (c) given that Mainland production farms exporting food to Hong Kong are situated at more dispersed locations in recent years, what measures will the Department take to step up the monitoring of these farms and how it will strengthen communication and coordination with the local governments concerned?
- (d) has the Department examined any policy to encourage farms to become production farms approved for exporting food to Hong Kong so as to increase the sources of food supply?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 64)Reply:

- (a) Information on the types and number of registered Mainland farms eligible for exporting foods to Hong Kong as at 31 December 2017 is given below –

Province / City / Autonomous Region	Vegetable Farms	Orchard	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms
Anhui	2	6		1	1		7
Beijing	6	1			5		

Province / City / Autonomous Region	Vegetable Farms	Orchard	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms
Chongqing	7	5		1			
Fujian	5	48		1			
Gansu	6	202			3		
Guangdong	113	93	18	78	1		80
Guangxi	8	51		5	1		1
Guizhou	9	11			1		
Hainan	7	30	1	2			
Hebei	17	186			3		
Heilongjiang		11			1		1
Henan	9	9		15		1	
Hubei	13	15		12	2		18
Hunan	32	51		33			10
Jiangsu	14	2					17
Jiangxi	9	43		18			1
Jilin		2			1		
Liaoning	5	214					8
Neimongol					5		
Ningxia	23	1			1		
Ningbo		8					
Qinghai					1		
Shaanxi		431			5		
Shandong	88	565					
Shanxi	3	91		1	6	1	
Shanghai	12	1		1			
Shenzhen	2	1		1			
Sichuan	3	41					
Tianjin	1				1		1
Xiamen	7	243					
Xinjiang		183					
Yunnan	48	369				1	
Zhejiang	8	64		1			2
Zhuhai	1		9	3			4
Total	458	2 978	28	173	38	3	150

(b) Information on the types and number of registered Mainland farms inspected in the past 3 years is given below –

Calendar Year	Vegetable Farms	Orchards	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms	Total
2015	13	3	22	14	6	0	9	67
2016	9	3	25	19	3	1	5	65
2017	18	1	25	8	4	0	7	63

- (c) The Government has been working closely with the Mainland authorities in drawing up inspection plans that will maximise the coverage of farms exporting food to Hong Kong.
- (d) The Government is committed to ensuring adequate and stable food supply to Hong Kong. In this connection, the Government has been working closely with the Mainland authorities to maintain the stability, quality and safety of food products supplied to Hong Kong. We will continue with our efforts on this front.

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